

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed June 17, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 27, 2000, July 3, 2001, June 18, 2002, June 28, 2002, and December 12, 2002. A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Claims 109-166 are pending in the present application, of which claims 109, 113, 117, 121, 125, 129, 133, 137, 141, 144, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163 and 165 are independent. Claims 113 and 144 have been amended to correct minor matters of form. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 1 objects to claim 144. In response to this objection, claim 144 has been amended in conformance with the Examiner's suggestion. Also, the Applicant has amended claim 113 to remove a paragraph break that was inadvertently placed in the middle of the word "formed."

Paragraph 3 of the Official Action rejects claims 109-166 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 2, 26 and 50 of U.S. Patent No. 6,621,535 to Fukada. The Applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is patentably distinct from the claims of the Fukada patent.

As stated in MPEP § 804, under the heading "Obviousness-Type," in order to form an obviousness-type double patenting rejection, a claim in the present application must define an invention that is merely an obvious variation of an invention claimed in the prior art patent, and the claimed subject matter must not be patentably distinct from

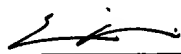
the subject matter claimed in a commonly owned patent. Also, the patent principally underlying the double patenting rejection is not considered prior art.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the independent claims of the present application are patentably distinct from the claims of Fukada. Specifically, the independent claims of the present application recite a light-emitting layer. On the other hand, the claims of the Fukada patent do not teach or suggest at least this feature of the present invention.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is patentably distinct from the claims of the Fukada patent. Reconsideration of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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